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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

MOBILE, ALA.

Plague—Prevention of the Introduction of—Rat Proofing of Buildings. (Ord. Sept. 1, 1914.)

SECTION 1. All buildings, outhouses, and edifices of whatever description and of whatever material constructed, which lie or shall hereafter lie or be constructed or erected within the following boundaries, that is to say, Mobile River on the east, Royal Street and a line prolonged therefrom on the west, Bayou Marmott or One-Mile Creek on the north, and Mobile Bay on the south, which are used or to be used or erected for the purpose or reasonably fitted for use as markets, public or private, bakery, sausage factory, rendering plant, candy factory, ice-cream factory, hotel kitchen, restaurant kitchen, grain elevator, grain warehouse, feed or grain store, milk depot where milk is received or stored for distribution or sale, or is converted into other dairy products, dairy, store for handling, storing, or selling poultry, game, animals or birds, or for produce or commission business, or dealer in, handling and storing hides, or for dealing in groceries or foodstuffs, or baking houses, or junk shop, or cook shop, shall be rat proofed in the following manner, that is to say:

They shall have their ground floors constructed or reconstructed or made of cement concrete of not less than 3 inches in thickness overlaid with a top dressing of cement and sand finish or mosaic tiling or other impenetrable material laid in cement mortar, and such floor shall, if the ground floor, rest upon the ground or solid filling extending from the ground up to the said floor, without interstices or open spaces, and shall stone, or brick, laid in cement mortar, such walls to be not less than 6 inches thick, extend continuously to walls surrounding said floor, which shall be made of concrete, and to extend into and below the surface of the surrounding ground at least 18 inches without opening below the said floor, except where there is constructed a cellar, and said walls shall extend not less than 1 foot above the level of said ground floor: *Provided, however,* That in lieu of such cement floor a continuous floor of brick, well grouted in cement or bituminous filler, or a continuous floor of asphalt and sand, of not less than 3 inches in thickness, may be used in said buildings as above described.

SEC. 2. In the case of the classes of buildings, outhouses, and superstructures hereinabove enumerated it shall be lawful to install or maintain cellars, but in every such case the cellar shall be inclosed within solid walls of brick, cement, stone, or tiles of not less than 9 inches thickness, with no openings below ground save for plumbing, and with no openings above ground except doors and such windows or light or air vents as will be susceptible of being screened with rods of iron or wire screens of not exceeding a one-half inch mesh or interval, and such cellars shall have the floor constructed in the manner prescribed in the last preceding section; the windows or lights or air vents to such cellar shall be barred with iron bars placed at intervals not exceeding one-half inch, or screened and kept screened with wire screens securely placed and having a mesh of not exceeding one-half inch. The doors, or trapdoors, for entry to such cellars shall be securely fitted in such manner as to prevent the egress or ingress of rats, when closed.

SEC. 3. All buildings, outhouses, and superstructures whatsoever that are or were not erected or suitable for the uses described in section 1 of this ordinance or used therefor, but which shall lie within the territory first above described in this ordinance, shall be rat-proofed in either of the three following manners:

First. The floor shall be set upon pillars; such pillars to be not less than 18 inches high, the height to be measured from the ground level to the top of said pillars or underpinning, and the intervening space between such building and the ground level to be open on three sides and to be free from all rubbish or other rat-harboring material.

Second. The floor shall stand upon a continuous wall of concrete or masonry or other material impermeable by rats, extending on all sides of said building and its attachment without openings, save only such small openings for ventilation not to exceed 1 square foot in area each as may be designed by the architect or owner. Each opening, however, shall have in it adequate rat-proof metal gratings having no space greater than one-half inch square, or one-half inch between bars or rods, which shall be fitted so securely and firmly into such openings as to exclude the passage of rats; and such supporting wall or extension thereof to be of not less, if brick, than 4 inches; if other masonry or concrete, not less than 6 inches in thickness and shall extend downward into the ground not less than 18 inches below the surface to prevent burrowing. And each floor of such building shall, if made of wood, be of matched and jointed flooring and shall extend solidly to all of the walls without interval, and suitable means shall be used beneath all such floors to prevent the running or standing of rats upon the sills, caps, or plates in such a manner that they could reach to the floor and cut the same.

Third. The owner may rat-proof the building as provided for in sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance.

SEC. 4. When foodstuffs are received or stored only in cans, then such building may, at the discretion of the health officer of the city of Mobile, be classified as not dealing in groceries or foodstuffs, and may be rat-proofed as provided in section 3 of this ordinance.

SEC. 5. All wall space, accidental and unnecessary spaces and holes, ventilators, and other openings other than doors and windows in every building, outhouse, and other superstructure in the city of Mobile shall be closed with cement or screened with wire having not less than one-half inch mesh, as the case may require, in such manner as to prevent the ingress or egress of rats: *Provided*, That in all buildings, outhouses, and other superstructures in above-specified district east of Royal Street where there are any spaces in walls between the wall proper and the covering on same, or in ceilings between the ceiling and floor, or other ceiling covering above, said spaces shall be eliminated by the removal of said covering or so closed as to prevent the ingress or egress of rats, and the whole shall be done in such manner as shall be approved by the health officer of the city of Mobile; that all planking and plank walks on and in yards, alleys, alleyways, or other open areas shall be removed and replaced with concrete, brick, or stone laid in cement, gravel, or cinders, or the ground left bare; that any other space whatever not hereinabove specified or condition occurring in the above-specified district of the city of Mobile which may, in the opinion of the health officer of the city of Mobile, be in a nonrat-proof condition, or where the egress or ingress of rats to any building or space is possible, said space shall be opened or filled or blocked off, or said condition altered in manner approved by the health officer of the city of Mobile.

SEC. 6. In all cases in which buildings shall hereafter be built or constructed within the corporate limits of the city of Mobile, they shall be rat-proofed as hereinabove provided for buildings in the district lying between Mobile River on the east, Royal Street and a line prolonged therefrom on the west, Bayou Marmott or One-Mile Creek on the north, and Mobile Bay on the south, and in accordance with the use for

which they are intended and subject to the approval of the health officer of the city of Mobile, and the above order shall apply to all substantial repairs of buildings that are in a nonrat-proof condition, and that all repairs or new work whatsoever shall conform to the above specified ordinance for the rat-proofing of buildings. All feed bins or bins for the storage of food for domestic animals shall be constructed of cement, stone, or brick, metal or wood, with close fitting covers or doors, and if said bins are of wood they shall be metal lined and so constructed as to prevent the ingress and egress of rats. And such food for domestic animals shall be kept therein except when taken out for stock feeding, and the bins kept close save during the necessary time required to take feed from or put feed therein.

SEC. 7. All premises, improved and unimproved, in the city of Mobile, and all open lots and areas shall be kept clean and free from all rubbish and similar loose material, and all lumber, boxes, barrels, loose iron, and similar material that may be permitted to remain on such premises shall be placed on supports and elevated not less than 18 inches from the ground with a clear intervening space beneath to prevent the harboring of rats.

SEC. 8. Work necessary to be done in order that any building shall conform to the requirements of this ordinance shall be begun within one week from the date that this ordinance shall take effect, and shall be diligently prosecuted until completed.

SEC. 9. It shall be unlawful to occupy or maintain any building or structure not constructed in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance, and that it shall be the duty of every owner and occupant of each premise in the city of Mobile to comply with all of the provisions of this ordinance.

SEC. 10. Any person, firm, association, or corporation, who, or which shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined by the recorder in the sum of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100; and each day's maintenance of any building not in compliance with the terms of this ordinance shall be a separate offense and may be prosecuted and punished accordingly.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Appropriation for Department of Health, 1914. (Ord. Jan. 19, 1914, as Amended Jan. 26, 1914.)

SECTION 1. That the following amounts, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law and as may be needed, be, and the same are hereby, appropriated for the corporate purposes of the city of Chicago, and also for school, library, and tuberculosis sanitarium purposes, as hereinafter specified, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1914, and ending December 31, 1914.

SEC. 2. That for purposes of accounting control, the first figures of the code designations set forth in this bill shall constitute the department, bureau, or group numbers; and the letters and remaining figures of the code designations shall constitute the account numbers of the respective departments, bureaus, and groups.

SEC. 3. That the comptroller and the heads of the other departments, bureaus, and offices of the city government shall administer the amounts appropriated in this bill by standard accounts as specified by code numbers, and in accordance with the official manual of the department of finance, in which is specified the detail of commodities, services, benefits, and claims chargeable to said standard accounts, respectively, and they are hereby prohibited from incurring any liabilities against any account in excess of the amount herein authorized for such account and from changing any salary or wages item herein, and from incurring any liability which will necessitate a transfer from the appropriations for salaries and wages in their respective department.

SEC. 4. That the appropriation herein of amounts for the payment of "unpaid bills" or "contract liabilities" shall not be construed as an approval of any of said bills or contract liabilities by this council, but shall be regarded only as the provision of a